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Appln. No: 10/796,450
Applicant: David G. Wilson
Filed: March 9, 2004
Title: SOFT TISSUE CEPHALOMETRIC SCREEN WITH SUBMENTAL-NECK
EXTENSION, AND RADIOLOGY APPARATUS, MODULAR SYSTEM AND
IMAGING METHOD USING SAME
TC/A.U.: 2882
Examiner: Courtney D. Thomas

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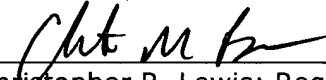
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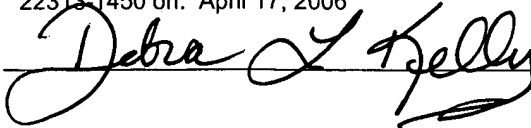
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